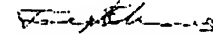


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This amendment and response is being timely filed in this RCE proceeding.

Comments herein are in response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

Reconsideration and allowance of the Application is respectfully solicited based on the amendments and remarks set forth herein.